SS Mary & Michael's Catholic Primary School

October 9th 2026

It has been a wonderful few weeks in school again and I am delighted to say that the children are now fully settled into their routines and are consistently living up to our Blue Jumper and Badge behaviour expectations. We have seen an impressive number of Blue Tokens and Gold @Ramsden's Tokens being awarded, recognising the excellent attitude, kindness and effort shown by our pupils. We are extremely proud of how our children represent our school values each day.

Last week, we were pleased to welcome 'Ramsden', Mrs Dodd's sister's guide dog, into school. The children enjoyed learning about the important work that guide dogs do and were fascinated to hear how Ramsden helps her by being her eyes. They listened carefully and showed great understanding of the important rule: "Harness on, hands off" when a guide dog is working. It was a valuable experience that helped raise awareness of disability, independence and respect.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance and to have the opportunity to discuss your children's progress and achievements. These meetings are an important way for us to work together to support every child to achieve their very best. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership and support.

Our Wear Yellow Day today was a fantastic success. The children looked wonderful in their yellow clothing and were proud to support the charity YoungMinds. The day provided an opportunity to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing, helping children to understand that everyone has difficult days, makes mistakes and experiences challenges from time to time, and that it is always okay to talk about how we feel.

Lastly, we are continuing to work hard on updating and improving our school website. You will find class pages containing information about your child's learning, activities, curriculum plans, newsletters, links to the church newsletter and important school policies. Please bear with us as we continue to develop the site, and we encourage you to take a look and explore the new content.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

God Bless

Mrs A. Dodd
Headteacher





After School Activities

Monday - 3:30-4:30pm

TEAMTHEME (Multi-sports) £60. This will continue until Christmas. (Y1-Y6) There is still LOTS of spaces and not too late to join.Teamthem is not just FOOTBALL. They run a variety of activities. Currently it is dodgeball.

Friday - 3:30-4:30pm

DANCE CLUB (Mrs Dodd)

£40. This will continue until Christmas. We still have LOTS of spaces!

Tuesday 8am - 8:30am

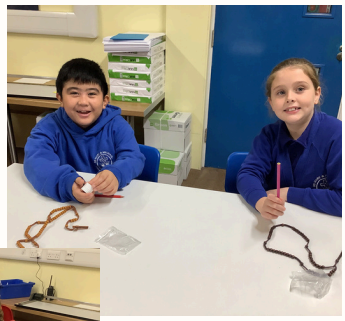
RUNNING CLUB (Miss Hopkinson) we will contonue to run this club with other staff members supporting Miss Hopkinson due to her broken foot.

Catholic Life and Mission

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies continue to meet regularly to enhance and strengthen the Catholic life of our school. This month, we have been focusing on the Rosary as October is the Month of the Rosary. During our meetings, we have been using resources from Mark 10 Mission to help lead us in prayer and deepen our understanding of Mary's importance in our faith journey. We have also been discussing and planning our mission work for the year ahead, considering how we can serve others and make a positive difference within our school and local community.
As part of our work, the Mini Vinnies created a large set of Rosary beads, with each bead representing special intentions and people who we would like to pray for. Every time we gather to pray the Rosary, we offer these intentions to Mary and ask her to guide and support those in need. This has been a meaningful way for our pupils to live out their faith, show compassion for others and demonstrate the caring values that are at the heart of our school community.







UpcomingEvents

October

Date	Event	Details
8 October	Parents' Evening – book on Arbor	1-6pm in school
9 October	Wear something Yellow for 'Young minds'	£1 wear something yellow with your uniform
15 October	Year 5/6 Girls' Football	GCA, 4:00pm
16 October	Sip & Paint PTFA event (& AGM meeting)	7:30pm in school £20
21 October	Y5/6 Residential trip meeting (for June 2027)	3:30pm (Maple classroom)
22 October	PTFA School Disco	6:30-7:30pm School Hall
23 October	**School INSET Day**	School closed to pupils
24 October	Mayor of Garstang Charity Fundraising concert - Singing Event for the choir	7:30pm @ St Thomas' Church Hall
26–30 October	**Half-term Holiday**	School closed
31 October	**High School Application Deadline**	Closing date

November

Date	Event	Details
2 November	**School INSET Day**	School closed to pupils
3 November	Back to School	Welcome back!
4 November	Full Governors Meeting	6pm School
5 November	Phonics Information Evening	3:30pm (Maple classroom)
5 November	Year 3/4 Glo Disco	GCA, 4:00–5:30pm
12 November	Year 5/6 Glo Disco	GCA, 4:00–5:30pm
12 November	Wyre Dance Festival at Winter Gardens Blackpool	Dance Club **tickets on sale from 12th October**
13 November	Non uniform day	Bottles for Christmas fair
20 November	Winter warmers PTFA	3:30pm
23–27 November	Assessment Week	—
27 November	Wreath Making PTFA	7:30pm School Hall

December

Date	Event	Details
2 December	Primary Schools Advent service OLCHS (4 pupils to attend)	During the school day Details to follow
3 December	Year 5/6 Girls' & Boys' Basketball	GCA, 4:00–5:30pm
3 December	RE Enrichment Day	Nativity theme
4 December	Non uniform day	Chocolates for the Christmas Fair
7 & 8 December	Victorian Festival in Garstang	PTFA Teddy Tombola
7 December	Pantomime Trip for whole school	morning performance at Lancaster Dukes Theatre
11 December	Hazel Class Nativity dress rehearsal	10am school
11 December	Winter Fair PTFA	School from 2pm
14 December	Christmas Party Day	Date TBC
15 December	Hazel Class afternoon Nativity performance	1:30pm School Hall
	Hazel Class evening Nativity performance	5:30pm School Hall
16 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	During the school day
18 December	**Christmas Finish**	School finishes at 1:00pm

Rising Stars

Weekending October 9th

Rising Stars:

Hazel – Zach

Aspen – Lochie

Oak – George

Blue Badges:

Hazel – Arlo & JJ

Aspen – Seb

Oak – Deacon

Marvellous Maths:

Hazel – Bella

Aspen – Bodhi

Oak – Jake

Star Writers:

Hazel – Reggie

Aspen – Riley

Oak – Lucie

Headteacher Award:

Ruby T– Y5



Month of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7th October, the whole month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed

Wear Yellow









